

with Kresge



Assistant Nancy Ellen Meyers feels her experience as a part-time K mart salesgirl while attending Michigan State University was a good basis for her decision to join the company's management training program. Miss Meyers, who is presently at Kresge 670, St. Clair Shores, MI., joined the program in 1973 after earning her college degree in personnel administration.

"Actually, I think many male assistants should begin their Kresge careers as sales clerks in order to know both 'sides of the coin,'" remarks the energetic assistant. "I really feel my past experience in the stores is an asset to my present relationships with the employees."

Was it any harder to get the employees to think of her as an assistant manager—a field predominated by males? "Not really," responds Miss Meyers. "Actually, it was probably a little harder for the other male assistants to react to me as a co-worker. Now, however, I'm just one of the guys!"

Like most assistants, "Miss Nancy," as she's known to her employees, works five days a week, including two evenings. She and the other assistants have divided the various store departments between them and they report directly to the store manager. Any and all tasks related to the smooth operation of the store can be considered under their domain.

"Why, over the past Christmas holidays, I unloaded a hundred boxes in one day that had come into our stockroom," reports the assistant.

In order to complete her duties with maximum efficiency, Miss Meyers carries her huge collection of keys on a gigantic safety pin attached to her wristwatch. "Men should really appreciate the dozens of pockets found in their suit jackets and slacks. I know it was a minor problem at first as to where to put my keys but I quickly found a solution," she laughs, holding up her key-laden wrist.

According to Miss Meyers, cooperation and friendliness with customers and employees alike are the most important qualities for an assistant manager to possess. Apparently, she follows her own advice for as one of 670's employees states, "Miss Nancy is easy to work with — she's certainly not afraid of hard work."

Could marriage possibly affect her retailing career in the future? Miss Meyers is the first to realize the problems which could occur if she should decide to change her single status.

"I'll cross that bridge if and when it happens. There are so many different aspects of the situation to take into consideration that it's no use even guessing the outcome," responds the 670 assistant.

Miss Meyers adds, "Right now I'm participating in the best training program around for store managers and loving every minute of it!"

